

July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you and your families are well.

As we approach the end of term, we do so with mixed emotions as we prepare to leave the school building that has served students from our community for the past 57 years. In September, we will move into our new building, with a new school name and uniform.

2026/2027 Academic Year

As we move into the new two-storey building, Phase 2 of the project will begin. This will involve the demolition of the old building to allow for the construction of the new sports hall and sixth form block. During the 2026/27 academic year, PE lessons will take place in our current sports hall, and the sixth form study area will be located in the current art block.

Throughout this period, the landscaping and social spaces will also be transformed. To support students, temporary hard-standing areas will be in place, and access to the tennis courts will be maintained.

The current canteen will be incorporated into the new building plans and will remain in use.

Access to Site

There will be limited access to the school site while we await the completion of Phase 2, including changes to vehicle entry gates. During this period, there will be a reduction in car parking spaces and gate access. We will be writing to parents regarding picking up and dropping off and the new guidance in the summer once we have finalised with the contractors.

As a result, sixth form students who drive will not be able to park on the school site. This arrangement will be reviewed as the works progress.

Return to School

Please ensure that you read the information below regarding the return to school in September. There will be a staggered return for students to enable us to complete student induction and issue important health and safety instructions.

- The final day of the current academic year will be **Thursday 16th July 2026**.
- The new academic year will commence on **Friday 4th September 2026 for Year 7 only**.
- **On Monday 7th September 2026**, Years 7–11 will return with a staggered start throughout the day. Please see the table below.

Year	Start Time Monday 7 th September
Year 7	8.35am
Year 8	8.35am
Year 9	9.15am
Year 10	10.00am
Year 11	10.30am

Year 13 will return at 10.00am on Tuesday 8th September.

Year 12 – To be confirmed after enrolment.

Uniform

On Monday afternoon, 13th July, students will be issued with their progress review. At the same time, they will receive a new school tie and an envelope containing either a new school badge or a £5 voucher towards the cost of a new blazer.

A reminder of the new uniform expectations:

Branded Items

- Black blazer with school logo (compulsory)
- School tie (compulsory)

Non-Branded Items

- Plain white school shirt (compulsory)
- Plain black V-neck jumper – cotton rich (compulsory)
- Plain black tailored trousers (compulsory)
 - *Please note: leggings, flares and tight-fitting trousers are not permitted.*
- Black school shoes (compulsory)
 - *Canvas pumps and trainers are not permitted.*
- Black tights or black socks (compulsory)
- Checked school skirt (optional)
 - Black tailored knee-length shorts (optional) may be worn from May half term until October half term.

Transition Period

Jumper

- The current jumper may continue to be worn until December 2026.

From January 2027, all students must wear the new jumper, which is a plain black, cotton-rich V-neck jumper and must not be sweatshirt material.

PE Kit

The current PE kit will be phased out over time, with the expectation that the new PE kit will be fully in place by 2027. The new PE kit includes two branded items, as outlined below.

- Unisex PE top with school logo (compulsory)
- Tracksuit bottoms with school logo (compulsory) – boys
- Leggings with school logo (compulsory) – girls

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully



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